(d) what suggestion the Ministry has received from different agencies regarding rehabilitation of such slum dwellers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Railways do not maintain the data of encroachment in terms of number of slum dwellers, but in terms of number of encroachments. More than 25000 encroachments exist on Railway land in Mumbai.

(c) Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to remove encroachments from 'their land as per provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, and as per provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.

(d) Railways have received only general suggestions from various quarters that alternative accommodation may be provided before actual eviction of the encroachcrs. However, the subject of rehabilitation comes in the purview of the State Governments.

**Classification of broad gauge routes**

2861. SHRI S. RAMACHAH1HIAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have classified their broad gauge routes, on the basis of maximum speed potential for operating trains;

(b) if so, when such classification came into existence and how many such grades are there; the maximum speed limit each grade has been permitted and what is the length of each such grade track; and

(c) whether such speed limits are applicable to all the rolling stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present classification came into existence in September, 1973 and amended in 1999. Presently there are seven such grades. For speed limit and length of track under each classification, a statement is attached *(see* below).

(c) Rolling stock are permitted to operate at the speed for which they are designed and certified subject to speed limit of the sections/ routes where they are to ply.

**Statement**

*The routewise details of speed potential and length of track on broad gauge are as under:*

| Route | Speed potential | Length of track (km) |
|---|---|---|
| A | Speed upto 160 km/hour. | 13800 |
| B | Speed upto 160 km/hour. | 15113 |
| C | Suburban sections of Mumbai and Kolkata. | 1228 |
| D Spl. | Sections where the traffic density is very high or likely to grow substantially in future and sanctioned speed is 100 km./ hr. | 4589 |
| D | Sections where the sanctioned speed is 100 km./hr. at present. | 11647 |
| E Spl. | Sections where the traffic density is very high or likely to grow substantially in future and sanctioned speed is less than 100 km./hr. | 2076 |
| E | Sections and^ branch lines with the present sanctioned speed, less than 100 km./hr. | 13150 |

**Tourism and Transport Facilities at Railway Stations**

2862. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact thai the Railways propose to improve tourism and transport facilities at railway stations;

(b) if so, what are the strategies finalised;